

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 406

By Kilby

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor the organizers and participants of the Tennessee Strawberry Festival in Dayton upon its 60th anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are honored to specially recognize those annual events that provide quality entertainment and whose organizers and contributors are dedicated to upholding community unity; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Strawberry Festival in Dayton is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, for sixty years, the much anticipated Tennessee Strawberry Festival, a community event of the highest order, has entertained thousands of families with creative themes, stellar musical entertainment, esteemed pageantry, and, of course, delicious strawberries; and

WHEREAS, beginning as a one-day event, the first Tennessee Strawberry Festival was held on May 24, 1947; due to its tremendous success, the Strawberry Festival has expanded to a ten-day-long event; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by the Dayton Chamber of Commerce, the Strawberry Festival honors the strawberry industry of Rhea County which began in 1898; and

WHEREAS, Rhea County was once considered the Strawberry Capitol of the World, and the Strawberry Festival attracts nearly 25,000 people from across this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, a treasured event in this State, the Tennessee Strawberry Festival provides wholesome family entertainment and fun; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor the Tennessee Strawberry Festival upon its 60th anniversary and offer our gratitude to its organizers and its participants for their many contributions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.